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### Part LXI. Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

#### Chapter 1. General Provisions

##### §101. Evidence of Qualification; Licensure

A. In order to safeguard life, health and property, and to promote the public welfare, any person in either public or private capacity, or foreign or domestic corporation, practicing or offering to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying, shall be required to submit evidence that he/she is qualified to so practice and shall be licensed with the board. Unless specifically exempted by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to practice or to offer to practice in this state, engineering or land surveying, as defined in the licensure law and the Rules of the board, or to use in connection with his/her name or otherwise assume, use or advertise any title or description tending to convey the impression that he/she is a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, unless such person has been duly licensed under the provisions of the licensure law and the Rules of the board.

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##### §103. Rulemaking

A. Under the provisions of R.S. 37:688 the board has the authority to make, adopt, alter, amend, and promulgate Rules consistent with the constitution and laws of this state. This is necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the board and the regulations of the proceedings before it.

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##### §105. Definitions

A. The words and phrases defined in R.S. 37:682 shall apply to these Rules. In addition, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the content of the Rules clearly states otherwise.

*Act or Licensure Law?* R.S. 37:681-37:703, including any amendments thereto. This law empowers the board to regulate the practice of engineering and land surveying in the state of Louisiana.

*Benefits of Any Substantial Nature or Significant Gratuities?* as used in the Rules of professional conduct, shall mean any acts, articles, money or other material possessions which are of such value or proportion that their acceptance could reasonably be expected to create an obligation on the part of the receivers, or otherwise compromise their ability to exercise their own judgment, without regard to such benefit or gratuity.

*Bona Fide Employee?* a person in the service of a licensee under a contract of hire, expressed or implied, oral or written, where the employer has the power or right to control and direct the employee in the material details of how the work is to be performed and the employer pays wages or a salary directly to the employee, pays a share of social security and federal unemployment tax, withholds federal income tax and the employee's share of social security payments, provides training, furnishes tools and materials, and sets hours of work. Generally such employees work full time for the employer, perform work at a location assigned by the employer and do not offer their services to the general public.

*Bona Fide Established Commercial Marketing Agency?* a business which is specifically devoted to public relations, advertising and promoting the services of a client, and which may be appropriately licensed as required by state statutes.

*EAC/ABET?* the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

*Employees?* for purposes of R.S. 37:701.C only, shall mean:

a. any and all persons to or for whom a person, firm or corporation engaged in industrial operations pays salary or other compensation, withholds taxes, provides benefits or pays workers' compensation and/or liability insurance, including without limitation all persons covered by the definition of *bona fide employee* as set forth in the Rules of the board; or

b. any and all persons whose conduct a person, firm or corporation engaged in industrial operations has the right to control, including the right to hire, fire or directly supervise, the right to set the person's work schedule and job duties, or the right to set the terms and conditions of employment, including without limitation individuals supplied through an employment agency or consultant firm.

*Fraud, Deceit or Misrepresentation?* intentional deception to secure gain, through attempts to deliberately conceal, mislead, or misrepresent the truth with the intent to have others take some action relying thereupon, or any act which provides incorrect, false, or misleading information, upon which others might rely.

*Incompetency?* the *practice of engineering* or land surveying by a licensee who is either incapable of exercising ordinary care and diligence or who lacks the ability and skill necessary to properly perform the duty he/she undertakes. (The *practice of engineering* in an area other than that in which the licensee has been issued a certificate will not be considered as evidence of *incompetency*, provided the licensee is otherwise qualified by education or experience.) Examples of practice which the board may consider to constitute *incompetency* include but are not limited to:

- a. the undertaking of assignments other than those for which the licensee is qualified by education or experience in the specific technical fields involved; and
- b. the affixing of the licensee's *signature* or *seal* to any engineering or land surveying plan or document dealing with the subject matter in which the licensee lacks competence by virtue of education or experience.

*Misconduct?* as used in R.S. 37:698.A(2), shall mean the *practice of engineering or land surveying* by a licensee who performs any acts, causes omissions or makes any assertions or representations which are fraudulent, deceitful, or misleading, or which in any manner whatsoever discredits or tends to discredit the professions of engineering or land surveying. *Misconduct* as used herein shall also include any act or practice in violation of the board's Rules of professional conduct or use of *seals*.

*NCEES Model Law Engineer?* a person who meets the minimum requirements of licensure law and:

- a. is a graduate of an engineering curriculum accredited by EAC/ABET, or the equivalent;
- b. has passed the fundamentals of engineering examination using the NCEES cut score;
- c. has a specific record of an additional four years of progressive experience on engineering projects following graduation;
- d. has passed the principles and *practice of engineering* examination using the NCEES cut score; and
- e. has a current NCEES record on file.

*NCEES Model Law Surveyor?* a person who meets the minimum requirements of this act and is a graduate of an EAC/ABET engineering curriculum, RAC/ABET curriculum, or the equivalent.

*Negligence?* the *practice of engineering or land surveying* by a licensee characterized by his/her lack of reasonable care, precaution, or attention to the right, safety, or welfare of others, which could result in injury or damage to life or property or financial loss. Examples of practice which the board may consider to constitute *negligence* include, but are not limited to:

- a. the preparation of an incomplete or inaccurate engineering or land surveying plan or document that is below acceptable standards, which is released for construction or other lawful purposes, and which could result in financial loss or injury;

- b. failure of the licensee to exercise reasonable diligence and care in providing professional services, which could result in financial loss or damage or injury.

*Practice of Engineering?*

a. *Practice of engineering* is defined in R.S. 37:682. The board recognizes in the design of buildings and similar structures that there is overlap between the work of architects and engineers. It is recognized that an architect who has complied with all of the current laws of Louisiana relating to the practice of architecture has a right to engage in some activities properly classifiable as professional engineering insofar as it is necessarily incidental to his/her work as an architect. Likewise, it is recognized that the professional engineer who has complied with all of the current laws of Louisiana and is properly licensed has the right to engage in some activities properly classifiable as architecture insofar as it is necessarily incidental to his/her work as an engineer. Furthermore, the architect or the professional engineer, as the case may be, shall assume all responsibility for compliance with all the laws or ordinances relating to the designs or projects in which he/she may be engaged.

b. Teaching of engineering design and the *responsible charge* of the teaching of engineering design shall be considered as the *practice of engineering*. Associate professors and those of higher rank teaching engineering design courses who were employed by a college or university in the state of Louisiana on January 1, 1991, or thereafter, shall be professional engineers licensed by the Louisiana board. Such professors who become employed on or after January 1, 1991 shall have a period of two years in which to become licensed. The associate professors and those of higher rank teaching engineering design courses in the employ of a college or university in the state of Louisiana prior to January 1, 1991 are exempt from professional engineering licensure as long as they remain in continuous employment by a College or School of Engineering in the state of Louisiana. Those persons who are exempt from professional engineering licensure are exempt only for the purpose of the teaching of engineering design and may not present themselves to the public as engineers or professional engineers or provide or offer to provide engineering services as defined by R.S. 37:682.

*Practice of Land Surveying?* defined in R.S. 37:682. The board recognizes that there exists a close relationship between land surveying and some areas of engineering, with some activities common to both professions; however, survey work related to property boundaries must be performed under the *responsible charge* of a professional land surveyor. Presented below are guidelines which shall be used as an aid in determining the types of surveying services which may be rendered by professional land surveyors or professional engineers.

- a. Surveying and mapping functions which require the establishment of relationships to property ownership boundaries are unique to land surveying and must be performed by or under the *responsible charge* of a professional land surveyor. These functions include:

- i. boundary surveys;
- ii. subdivision surveys and plats;
- iii. public land surveys.

b. Surveying and mapping functions not unique to land surveying must be performed by or under the *responsible charge* of a professional land surveyor whenever they require the establishment of the relationship of property ownership boundaries. Those functions include:

- i. surveys of servitudes (easements) and rights of way;
- ii. surveys of leases;
- iii. topographical surveys;
- iv. surveys for record;
- v. layout surveys for construction;
- vi. hydrographic surveys;
- vii. mine surveys;
- viii. mapping.

c. Surveying and mapping functions which do not require the establishment of the relationship of property ownership boundaries may be performed by or under the *responsible charge* of either a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor. Such surveying and mapping functions include:

- i. surveys of servitudes (easements) and rights of way;
- ii. surveys of leases;
- iii. topographical surveys;
- iv. surveys for record drawing;
- v. layout surveys for construction;
- vi. hydrographic surveys;
- vii. mine surveys;
- viii. mapping;
- ix. geodetic surveys;
- x. cartographic surveys;
- xi. horizontal and vertical control surveys;
- xii. quantity and measurement surveys;
- xiii. profiles and cross-sections;
- xiv. site grading plans.

All of the above type surveys (c.i.-xiv), regardless of the method by which they are performed, including photogrammetric methods, must be performed by or under the *responsible charge* of a professional land surveyor or a professional engineer.

d. Professional services which require the application of engineering principles and the interpretation of engineering data must be performed by or under the *responsible charge* of a professional engineer.

*Responsible Charge?* defined in R.S. 37:682. It shall mean the direct control and personal supervision of engineering work or land surveying, as the case may be.

*Seal?* a symbol, image, or list of information that may be found in the form of a rubber stamp, computer generated data, or other form found acceptable to the board this is applied or attached to the document in a manner consistent with the board Rules on use of *seals*.

*Signature?* handwritten or digital as follows:

- a. a handwritten message identification containing the name of the person who applied it; or
- b. a digital *signature* which is an electronic authentication process attached to or logically associated with an electronic document. The digital *signature* must be:
  - i. unique to the person using it;
  - ii. capable of verification;
  - iii. under the sole control of the person using it; and
  - iv. linked to a document in such a manner that the digital *signature* is invalidated if any data in the document is changed;

c. a digital *signature* that uses a process approved by the board will be presumed to meet the criteria set forth in Subsection b. of this definition.

*Under the Supervision and Charge of a Professional Engineer?* as it applies in R.S. 37:701.C only, shall mean:

- a. the work performed by a professional engineer, duly licensed under the provisions of this Chapter; or
- b. the work reviewed and approved by a professional engineer, duly licensed under the provisions of this Chapter, who is authorized to direct changes to the engineering work; or
- c. the work performed in accordance with a system of engineering practices approved by a professional engineer, duly licensed under the provisions of this Chapter.

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## Chapter 7. Bylaws

### §701. Board Nominations

A. The following guidelines and procedures will be observed in order that timely and prudent advice can be given to the Louisiana Engineering Society and the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors with regard to nominees for vacancies on the board.

B. The division of engineering practice classification of each board member shall remain unchanged during each administrative year.

1. Professional engineer board members shall continue to represent the practice area of engineering for which appointed, unless formal advice has been received from the Louisiana Engineering Society that the practice area of engineering classification of a member has been changed.

2. Board members who retire from active practice shall continue to represent the practice area of engineering for which appointed and currently serving at the time of retirement.

3. If a board member is not a member of the Louisiana Engineering Society or the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors, it shall be his duty to notify the executive secretary of any significant change in his regular employment; the executive secretary shall so advise the Louisiana Engineering Society or the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors for its action.

C. An examination will be made of the anticipated vacancies scheduled to occur during each new administrative year because of expiration of terms of appointment, as published in the roster, and the appropriate nominating organization shall be soon notified, along with the official interpretation of the practice areas of engineering represented, as well as a priority listing of the desired practice areas requested to be considered.

D. In the event of death or resignation of a board member, the executive secretary shall immediately notify the appropriate nominating organization.

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### **§703. Compensation and Expenses**

#### **A. Authority to Incur Traveling Expenses**

1. The board shall allow its members actual traveling expenses plus per diem to attend regular, special and committee meetings of the board. Per diem for the time spent traveling and for time spent at the meeting shall be allowed. The per diem allowance for time spent traveling shall not exceed two days for these meetings.

2. The board may, by resolution at one of its meetings, authorize any of its members or representatives to travel at the expense of the board to attend meetings and conventions such as those of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), or other allied organizations. Per diem for time spent traveling and for time spent at the meeting will be allowed.

#### **B. Reimbursement of Transportation Expenses**

1. Expenses for transportation by personally owned vehicles shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate specified by the board at a regular meeting. Reimbursement shall be on the basis of the most direct route. The traveler shall be required to pay all of the operating expenses of the vehicle.

2. Air travel will be by coach or economy class rates when available. Travel by state plane is also permitted. Reimbursement will be limited to comparable coach or economy class rates. Receipts or other verification of travel shall be attached to the expense report. Reimbursement will be on the basis of the most direct route available. Air travel by private aircraft may be approved by the board. When so approved, reimbursement will be on the basis of coach airfare.

C. Lodging and Meals. The board shall allow its members to be reimbursed actual expenses for meals (including tips) and for lodging at a single occupancy rate. Receipts for lodging shall be submitted and attached to the travel voucher.

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### **§705. Meetings**

A. Regular Meetings. The board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year.

B. Annual Meetings. The first regular meeting of the fiscal year is to be held in July, and shall be designated as the annual meeting.

C. Special Meetings. The chairman or the secretary may call special meetings when considered necessary. Upon written request of six board members, the chairman is required to call a special meeting.

D. Open Meetings. Every meeting of the board shall be open to the public, unless closed as an executive session.

E. Meeting Dates. Written public notice of the dates, times, and places of all regular meetings shall be given at the beginning of each fiscal year.

F. Separate Notice of All Meetings. In addition, separate written public notice of any regular, special, or rescheduled meeting shall be given no later than 24 hours before the holding of the meeting. This separate notice shall include the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting.

G. Posting of Notice. The public notice discussed in §705.E and F shall include:

1. posting a copy of the notice at the office of the board; or
2. publication of the notice in the board newsletter no less than 24 hours before the meeting.

H. Notice to Board Members. Notice of all meetings, in conformity with §705.E and F shall be given in writing to each member by the secretary.

I. Quorum. A simple majority of board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

J. *Roberts Rules of Order*. *Roberts Rules of Order* shall govern the proceedings of the board at all meetings, except as otherwise provided herein or by statute.

K. Location of Meetings. All meetings shall be held at the board office, unless, in the judgment of the chairman, it is necessary or convenient to meet elsewhere.

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## **§707. Board Organization**

A. Number of Board Members. The board shall be comprised of 11 members, each of whom shall be appointed by the governor in accordance with the requirements established by law.

B. Board Officers. The board shall elect annually from its membership the following officers: a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer.

C. Date of Elections. The election of board officers shall take place not later than at the board's May meeting. In the event that an officer cannot complete his/her term, an election in order to fill the unexpired term shall be scheduled at the earliest practical regular or special meeting.

### **D. Duties**

1. Chairman. The chairman shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, except as otherwise provided, and shall, together with the secretary, sign all certificates issued by the board. The chairman shall compile certificates issued by the board. The chairman shall compile the agenda for each regular and special meeting.

2. Vice Chairman. The vice chairman shall, in the absence of the chairman, perform the duties of and possess all of the powers of the chairman. Should the chairman's membership on the board be terminated prior to the election of his/her successor, the vice chairman shall automatically assume the duties of chairman until the board is re-organized.

### **3. Secretary. The secretary shall:**

a. be the official custodian of the records of the board and of the seal of the board and see that the seal of the board is affixed to all appropriate documents;

b. sign, with the chairman, certificates of licensure, the issuance of which shall have been authorized by resolution of the board;

c. assume all responsibilities of the executive secretary, in the event of the absence or incapacity of the executive secretary;

d. sign the minutes of the board meetings after approval of the minutes by the board.

4. Treasurer. The treasurer shall be responsible for the annual budget and the annual audit of the board. He/she shall send copies of the annual audit and the financial statement to the governor after the report of the audit has been reviewed by the board. The treasurer, with the approval of the chairman, shall be empowered to authorize expenditures of funds, in the beneficial interest of the board and without its prior approval, up to an aggregated amount of \$5,000 (within the current budget), and any expenditures made under this authorization shall be reported to and ratified by the board at its next regular meeting.

E. Committees. The board may establish the following committees: Executive Committee, Civil Engineering Committee, Other Disciplines Engineering Committee, Land Surveying Committee, Engineer Intern Committee, Liaison and Law Review Committee, Engineering Curricula Committee, Finance Committee, Nominations Committee, and Complaint Review Committee.

1. Power to Appoint. Unless otherwise provided below, the chairman of the board shall have the power to make all committee appointments. All committee appointments shall be effective from date of appointment until the next annual meeting of the board.

2. Executive Committee. The chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee. The chairman of the board shall serve as chairman of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall oversee the operations of the office of the board and shall advise the executive secretary as to the conduct of the business of the board between meetings. The Executive Committee shall make recommendations to the board with respect to personnel, policies and procedures.

### **3. Engineering Committees**

a. The chairman of the board may appoint one or more engineering committees, with not less than two members on each committee.

#### **b. Each of these committees shall:**

i. review applications for licensure in each respective discipline of professional engineering;

ii. recommend approval or disapproval of applications; and

iii. supervise the selection of examinations on principles and practice of engineering for the respective disciplines.

4. Land Surveying Committee. The chairman of the board may appoint not less than two members to the Land Surveying Committee. All members of the Land Surveying Committee shall be professional land surveyors. The Land Surveying Committee shall:

- a. review applications for licensure as a professional land surveyor;
- b. review applications for certification of persons as a land surveyor intern;
- c. conduct oral examinations or interviews;
- d. supervise the selection of examinations on the fundamentals of land surveying, on principles and practice of land surveying, and on the Louisiana laws of land surveying;
- e. recommend passing scores for their respective written examinations; and
- f. evaluate and recommend land surveying curricula acceptable to the board.

5. Engineer Intern Committee. The chairman of the board may appoint an Engineer Intern Committee which shall review all applications for the examination in fundamental engineering subjects and all requests for certification of persons as engineer interns and shall make recommendations for action by the board.

6. Liaison and Law Review Committee. The chairman of the board may appoint a Liaison and Law Review Committee to work with similar committees of professional and technical organizations on matters of mutual concern. The committee shall make recommendations to the board in matters concerned with the licensure law and the Rules and regulations of the board.

7. Engineering Curricula Committee. The chairman of the board may appoint an Engineering Curricula Committee to evaluate and make recommendations to the board concerning the quality of the engineering curricula, along with evaluation of the faculties and facilities of schools within the state of Louisiana. The Engineering Curricula Committee shall have the power to make inspections in the course of its evaluations. The committee chairman shall coordinate the selection of board observers for all ABET visitations in the state.

8. Finance Committee. The chairman of the board may appoint a Finance Committee composed of not less than two board members. The treasurer will serve as the chairman of this committee. It will be the responsibility of the committee to make studies, reports and recommendations to the board on fiscal matters. At the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Committee shall review the annual audit and prepare a budget for presentation to the board at the September meeting.

9. Nominations Committee. The chairman of the board may appoint a Nominations Committee composed of not less than two members. It shall be the duty of this committee to present to the board a list of nominations for election of officers.

10. Complaint Review Committee. The Complaint Review Committee may be composed of two standing members, the executive secretary, board attorney and one board member appointed on a case-by-case basis. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to review the results of investigations of complaints against licensees and unlicensed persons and recommend appropriate action to the board.

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#### **§709. The Executive Secretary**

A. Appointment. The board shall appoint an executive secretary, who shall assist the board members in the performance of their duties.

B. Ex-Officio Committee Member. Although not a member of the board, the executive secretary shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

C. Duties of the Executive Secretary. The executive secretary shall:

1. conduct and care for all correspondence in the name of the board;
2. record and file all applications, examinations, licensure, suspensions and revocations;
3. send members of the board notices of all regular meetings at least 10 days in advance thereof;
4. keep correct minutes of all meetings of the board, including a record of all certificates of licensure issued;
5. examine all applications for licensure and bring about the necessary correction or supplying of missing or essential data in connection with such applications prior to consideration thereof by the board;
6. address inquiries to references to verify the qualifications, experience and character of applicants as directed by the board;
7. make arrangements as required by the board for all written or oral examinations and interviews of applicants;
8. supervise the administration of the written examinations;
9. present to the board the results of examinations and other evidence of qualification;
10. have certificates of licensure prepared for those applicants who have been approved for licensure or certification by the board;
11. notify by letter to the last known address, every person and entity licensed or certified under the licensure laws of the date of the expiration of the certificate and the amount of the fee that shall be required for its renewal;



12. develop procedures and internal policies for all administrative functions;

13. employ and supervise the work of all investigators and secretarial, stenographic, clerical, and technical assistants essential to the work of the board, but only on approval of the Executive Committee and in accordance with the provisions of the licensure law;

14. investigate and dispose of allegations and apparent violations of the licensure law when possible and refer any such matters requiring formal action to the board;

15. assist the board in the adoption and amendment of Rules and bylaws in accordance with the statutes;

16. represent the board at meetings of technical and professional societies and appear before student groups and legislative committee meetings;

17. write articles for publication to inform licensees and the public of activities and actions of the board;

18. be an associate member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES);

19. assist the Finance Committee in the preparation of the budget;

20. assist in ensuring that expenditures are within the budget;

21. receive and account for all monies derived from the operation of the board;

22. comply with R.S. 37:690 in all matters relating to receipts and disbursements;

23. audit all bills and accounts covering expenditures and prepare all vouchers and checks for payment of approved bills;

24. keep a register of receipts and expenditures, maintaining such financial books, and show the financial condition of the board and the validity of the licenses and of the certificates which have been issued; and

25. assist in the legislative audit made of all receipts and disbursements at the close of each fiscal year (June 30) by a certified public accountant.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Transportation, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 2:53 (February 1976), amended LR 5:118 (May 1979), LR 11:1180 (December 1985), LR 19:55 (January 1993), LR 21:1354 (December 1995), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board, LR 27:1025 (July 2001).

#### **§711. Domicile**

A. Domicile. The domicile of the board shall be the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

B. Change of Domicile. The board may vote to change its domicile.

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#### **§713. Amendments to Bylaws**

A. The bylaws of the board may be amended at any regular or special meeting, provided, however, that such proposed amendments have been submitted in writing to the members of the board at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The board may waive this 30-day provision at a regular meeting.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

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#### **§715. Rulemaking Process**

A. Power to Promulgate Rules. Under the provision of the licensure law, the board is given the power to make and promulgate Rules and regulations necessary for the proper performance of its duties.

B. Proposal of Rule Change. Any board member may propose the adoption of a new Rule or regulation, or the amendment or revocation of an existing Rule or regulation.

C. Requirements of Proposal. Such proposal shall:

1. be in writing;
2. include a draft of the requested change or changes; and
3. be sent to the chairman and the executive secretary at least 30 days before the next regular meeting of the board.

D. Copies of Proposal. The executive secretary shall send copies of the proposal to all board members at least 10 days before the next regular meeting of the board.

E. Notice of Proposal. The chairman shall place the proposed change, amendment, or revocation on the agenda for the next regular meeting scheduled after receipt of the proposal.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

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**§717. Disbursements**

A. Check Requirement. All disbursements over the amount of \$50 shall be made by check.

B. Line Item Restrictions. Annual disbursements shall not exceed current budget line items.

C. Required Signatures on Checks. All checks must be signed by any two of the following individuals:

1. chairman;
2. vice chairman;
3. secretary;
4. treasurer;
5. executive secretary;
6. deputy executive secretary; or
7. any board member.

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**§719. Minutes**

A. Requirement of Keeping Minutes. The board shall keep written minutes of all its open meetings.

B. Required Items for Inclusion. The minutes shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. the date, time, and place of the meeting;
2. the members of the board recorded as either present or absent; and
3. the substance of all matters decided, and, at the request of any board member, a record, by individual member, of any votes taken.

C. Optional Items for Inclusion. Any board member may request that a matter discussed during a meeting be placed in the written minutes of that meeting.

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**§721. Publications of the Board**

A. Roster. A roster showing the names and addresses of all professional engineers, the discipline of engineering in which professional engineers are licensed, and the names and addresses of all licensed land surveyors may be published by the board. Upon request, a copy of this roster

may be mailed without charge to each person so licensed. Extra copies to licensees and copies to others may be furnished upon payment of a fee established by the board. The roster shall be made available through the board's website.

B. Official Journal. The official journal of the board shall be selected by the board.

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**§723. Voting**

A. General Provisions. Unless otherwise specified in the following Subsections a simple majority of a quorum of the board at a meeting properly noticed and convened is necessary in order to elect an officer or approve a measure before the board.

B. Change of Domicile. In order to change the domicile of the board, approval of two-thirds of the entire board at a regular meeting properly noticed and convened is necessary.

C. Executive Session and Agenda Additions. Approval of two-thirds of a quorum of the board at a meeting properly noticed and convened is necessary in order to:

1. decide to hold an executive session; or
2. consider a matter not on the original agenda of the meeting.

D. Approval of Items Added to Agenda. If two or more board members present at a regular or special meeting are agreed to defer action of a matter not on the original agenda of the meeting that matter shall not be approved, and shall be placed on the original agenda of the next scheduled meeting.

E. Disciplinary Proceedings. Approval of a majority of the entire board membership authorized to participate in a proceeding is necessary in order to:

1. suspend, refuse to renew, or revoke the license or certificate, reprimand, place on probation, or fine any licensee or certificate holder;
2. prefer charges of violation of any provision of the licensure law or any Rules or regulations issued by the board; or
3. reinstate an application, license, or certification.

F. Amend Bylaws. A majority vote of the entire board is necessary in order to amend the bylaws.

G. Waiver of Bylaw Amendment Requirements. By a unanimous vote of the board members present at a regular or special meeting, the 30-day provision for submission of proposed bylaw amendments may be waived.

H. Manner of Voting. Voting shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. no proxy voting or secret balloting shall be permitted;
2. all votes shall be viva voce; and
3. votes on motions to hold an executive session (along with the reason for holding the session) shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the meeting.

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#### **§725. Executive Session**

A. Reasons for Calling Executive Sessions. Executive sessions may be held for the following purposes:

1. discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting;
2. strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining, prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the board;
3. discussion regarding the report, development or course of action regarding security personnel, plans or devices;
4. investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct; or
5. cases of extraordinary emergency, which shall be limited to natural disaster, threat of epidemic, civil disturbances, suppression of insurrections, the repelling of invasions, or other matters of similar magnitude.

B. Limitations on Executive Sessions. No final or binding action shall be taken during an executive session; nor may a session be called for discussion of the appointment of a person to a public body.

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## **Chapter 9. Requirements for Certification and Licensure of Individuals and Temporary Permit to Practice Engineering**

### **§901. Engineer Intern Certification**

A. The requirements for certification as an engineer intern under the several alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows.

1. Graduates of an EAC/ABET Accredited Engineering Curricula. The applicant shall be a graduate of an EAC/ABET accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the written examination in the fundamentals of engineering, who was recommended for certification by a professional engineer holding a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who has submitted an application for certification in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly certified as an engineer intern by the board at a regular meeting.

2. Graduates with Advanced Engineering Degree. The applicant shall be a graduate of a non-EAC/ABET accredited engineering or related science or engineering technology curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, who has obtained an engineering graduate degree from a university having an EAC/ABET accredited undergraduate engineering curriculum in the same discipline, approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the written examination in the fundamentals of engineering, who was recommended for certification by a professional engineer holding a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who has submitted an application for certification in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly certified as an engineer intern by the board at a regular meeting.

3. Other Engineering Graduates. The applicant shall be a graduate of a non-EAC/ABET accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more approved by the board as being of satisfactory standing, who has a specific record of four years or more of verifiable progressive experience obtained subsequent to graduation, on engineering projects of a level and scope satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the written examination in the fundamentals of engineering, who was recommended for certification by a professional engineer holding a valid license to engage in the practice of

engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, and having a personal knowledge of his engineering experience, who has submitted an application for certification in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly certified as an engineer intern by the board at a regular meeting.

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### **§903. Professional Engineer Licensure**

A. The requirements for licensure as a professional engineer under the two alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows:

1. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a certified engineer intern, or an individual who meets the qualifications to be a certified engineer intern, who has a verifiable record of four years or more of progressive experience obtained subsequent to meeting the qualifications to be an engineer intern on engineering projects of a level and scope satisfactory to the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the written examination in the principles and practice in the discipline of engineering in which licensure is sought, who was recommended for licensure by five personal references, three of whom are professional engineers who have personal knowledge of the applicant's engineering experience and character and ability, and who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board at a regular meeting; or

2. the applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be a person who holds a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of the licensure law, and which were of a standard not lower than that specified in the applicable licensure law in effect in Louisiana at the time such license was issued, who is of good character and reputation, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and if the state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, in which he/she is licensed will accept the licenses issued by the board on a comity basis, and who was duly licensed as a professional engineer by the board at a regular meeting.

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1979), LR 6:735 (December 1980), LR 7:644 (December 1981), LR 10:804 (October 1984), LR 11:362 (April 1985), LR 19:56 (January 1993), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board, LR 27:1028 (July 2001).

### **§905. Temporary Permit to Practice Engineering**

A. A person who is not a resident of and has no established place of business in Louisiana, may be granted a written temporary permit to practice professional engineering when such practice does not exceed 120 consecutive days in any calendar year, provided such person is licensed to practice engineering in his/her own state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, in which the requirements and the qualifications for obtaining a license are not lower than those specified in this Chapter, and provided further that before beginning such temporary practice in this state, the person shall have applied to the board, paid the prescribed fee, and received a temporary permit, and upon the conclusion of such work, he/she shall advise the board as to the period of time that he/she has practiced in the state under such temporary permit.

B. The authority for the executive secretary to issue a temporary permit can only be granted by the board.

C. The fee for a temporary permit shall be equal to the fee paid by an applicant applying for licensure as a professional engineer.

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### **§907. Land Surveyor Intern Certification**

A. A certified land surveyor intern shall be a graduate holding a baccalaureate degree from a curriculum of four years or more who has completed at least 30 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, in land surveying, mapping, and real property courses approved by the board, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed the written examination in the fundamentals of land surveying, who was recommended for certification by a professional land surveyor holding a valid license to engage in the practice of land surveying issued to him/her by proper authority of the state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, who has submitted an application for certification in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and who was duly certified as a land surveyor intern by the board at a regular meeting.

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1979), LR 6:735 (December 1980), LR 7:644 (December 1981), LR 10:90 (February 1984), LR 16:773 (September 1990), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board, LR 27:1028 (July 2001).

#### **§909. Land Surveyor Licensure**

A. The requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor under the two alternatives provided in the licensure law are as follows:

1. an applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall be a certified land surveyor intern, or an individual who meets the qualifications to be a certified land surveyor intern, who is of good character and reputation, who has a verifiable record of four years or more of combined office and field experience in land surveying including two years or more experience in responsible charge of land surveying projects under the supervision of a professional land surveyor registered or licensed by appropriate authority, who has passed the oral examination, who has passed the written examination in the principals and practices of land surveying and Louisiana laws of land surveying, and who was recommended for licensure by five personal references (at least three of whom must be professional land surveyors who have personal knowledge of the applicant), who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with R.S. 37:694, and who was duly licensed as a professional land surveyor by the board at a regular meeting; or

2. the applicant shall be a person who holds a valid license to engage in the practice of land surveying issued to him/her by the proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on requirements that do not conflict with the provisions of the licensure law, who is of good character and reputation, who has passed a written examination on the fundamentals of land surveying, principles and practice of land surveying and Louisiana laws of land surveying, who has submitted an application for licensure in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 37:694, and if the state, territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia in which he/she is licensed will accept the licenses issued by the board on a comity basis, and who was duly licensed as a professional land surveyor by the board at a regular meeting.

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## **Chapter 11. Curricula**

### **§1101. Approved Curricula**

A. The board shall determine which curricula are to be recognized under the provisions of the licensure law as approved curricula for the licensure of persons as engineer interns, professional engineers, land surveyor interns, and professional land surveyors.

B. In general, the board will recognize as approved all engineering curricula of four years or more accredited by EAC/ABET. The board may recognize as approved an engineering curriculum that was not accredited at the time of the applicant's graduation, but which became accredited within the following two years.

C. Based on an investigation by a committee of the board, the board may, by a majority vote at a regular meeting, recognize as an approved curriculum a non-accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more from a school of satisfactory standing that does not meet the specifications of §1101.B. The board shall keep a record of the engineering curricula thus approved.

D. The board, by a majority vote at a regular meeting, may approve curricula that contain at least 30 semester credit hours, or the equivalent, of satisfactory land surveying, mapping, and real property courses.

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### **§1103. Other Curricula**

A. To qualify for certification as an engineer intern, graduates of non-accredited engineering or related science curricula, must present evidence of experience of such quality and extent that the board believes that the applicant has obtained engineering knowledge and skills at least equivalent to that obtained by education in an accredited four-year engineering curriculum. Curricula must be of four years or more from a college or university having an approved curricula.

B. Non-accredited engineering curricula shall be those curricula of four years or more which are found by the board to be equivalent in content to accredited engineering curricula, including a minimum of 46 semester credit hours of recognized engineering courses, 36 of which shall be advanced level courses usually offered in the junior and senior years.

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### **§1105. Engineering Graduate Programs**

A. Acceptable engineering graduate programs are those offered by engineering departments which maintain accreditation from EAC/ABET at the basic or advanced level and which require the removal of deficiencies in science, mathematics, engineering science, and engineering design as a prerequisite to the graduate courses; or are those found by the board to be equivalent to such programs.

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## **Chapter 13. Examinations**

### **§1301. General**

A. Only persons of good character and reputation who have received permission from the board will be allowed to take any examination offered by the board. For all examinations, applications must be timely filed with the board.

B. The applicant must present appropriate documents to establish his/her eligibility and identification prior to being admitted to any examination.

C. Timely filing of an application with the board does not assure that an applicant will be permitted to take an examination, or be scheduled for examination on a particular date. To be considered for a specific examination date, the application should be received at the board office no later than the following number of days prior to a particular examination scheduled by the board: fundamentals of engineering, 90 days; fundamentals of land surveying, 180 days; principles and practice of engineering, 90 days; principles and practice of land surveying and the Louisiana laws of land surveying, 180 days.

D. Examinations in the fundamentals of engineering, fundamentals of land surveying, the principles and practice of engineering, the principles and practice of land surveying and the Louisiana laws of land surveying will be offered at least once a year at times and places designated by the board. Descriptions of typical content of the examinations will be made available to applicants by the board through its office or through the office of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

E. Examinees will be notified in writing what material will be permitted in the examination room when scheduled for an examination.

F. Any applicant found to have engaged in conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert the engineering or land surveying examination process may, at the discretion of the board, have his or her scores on the examination withheld and/or declared invalid, have disciplinary action taken as described in R.S. 37:698-700 and/or be subject to the imposition of other appropriate sanctions.

G. The board may require applicants to demonstrate their knowledge of the law, Rules of the board, and the English language by requiring either oral or written examinations.

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### **§1303. Approval to Take the Fundamentals of Engineering Examination**

A. Graduating seniors of four-year engineering curricula, accredited or non-accredited, may be permitted to take the examination in the fundamentals of engineering during their last two semesters or last three quarters prior to graduation, or thereafter.

B. Graduates of a four-year engineering curriculum, accredited or non-accredited, and graduates of a related science or technology curriculum, approved by the board, who have obtained a graduate degree in an engineering curricula from a college or university having an undergraduate curriculum accredited by EAC/ABET approved by the board may be permitted to take the examination in the fundamentals of engineering.

C. A graduate student enrolled in a program, approved by the board, leading to a graduate degree in engineering or the equivalent, may be permitted to take the fundamentals of engineering examination.

D. The board may allow the substitution of a qualifying examination for the fundamentals of engineering examination for any applicant who has an earned doctoral degree in engineering from a college or university having an undergraduate curriculum accredited by EAC/ABET, or the equivalent exam approved by the board.

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

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### **§1305. Approval to Take the Examination in the Principles and Practice of Engineering**

A. An applicant who meets the other requirements for licensure as a professional engineer may be permitted to take the examination in the principles and practice of engineering in the discipline in which he/she seeks licensure.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

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### **§1307. Approval to Take the Fundamentals of Land Surveying Examination**

A. A student in the final two semesters or final three quarters of the bachelor's degree may be permitted to take the fundamentals of land surveying examination.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:688.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:113 (May 1979), amended LR 7:647 (December 1981), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board, LR 27:1030 (July 2001).

### **§1309. Approval to Take the Examination in the Principles and Practice of Land Surveying and in the Louisiana Laws of Land Surveying**

A. An applicant who meets the other requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor may be permitted to take the examinations in the principles and practice of land surveying and in the Louisiana laws of land surveying.

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### **§1311. Examination for Record Purposes**

A. The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) prepares examinations in the principles and practice of engineering. The board provides the opportunity for engineers who were previously licensed in Louisiana to take the National Council's examination in the discipline of their license without affecting their current licensure status with this board. These examinations are offered at times and places designated by the board. Each applicant will be charged a fee for this service.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:114 (May 1979),

amended LR 7:647 (December 1981), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board, LR 27:1030 (July 2001).

### **§1313. Examination Results**

A. The board will specify the minimum passing score for all examinations for certification or licensure of applicants.

B. Applicants will be informed by mail only as to whether they passed or failed an examination. Numerical grades will not be released by the board. This information or other information pertaining to the status of an application will not be released by telephone to anyone, including the applicant.

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### **§1315. Re-Examinations**

A. A person who fails an examination is eligible to apply to retake the examination. A request for re-examination must be submitted in writing prior to the deadline for scheduling of the examination.

B. Before an applicant is given approval to retake an examination, he/she may be required to appear before the board, or a committee of the board, for an oral interview/oral examination.

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## **Chapter 15. Experience**

### **§1501. Recognition of Experience**

A. The board will not recognize experience acquired by an applicant in violation of the licensure law of any state.

B. In considering applications for licensure by comity, the board may recognize examinations passed before the applicant had accrued sufficient qualifying experience according to Louisiana experience requirements in effect at the time, if:

1. the applicant had been a resident of the state in which he was examined for at least one year prior to the date of the examination; and

2. the examination was passed in accordance with that state's laws and regulations in effect at the time; and

3. the experience deficiency according to Louisiana experience requirements has been satisfied as of the date of the application to the Louisiana board.

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### **§1503. Graduate-Level Experience**

A. Beginning on January 1, 2005, successful completion of graduate study leading to a master's degree in engineering which has followed a baccalaureate degree in engineering may be used for credit for one year's experience. If the Ph.D. in engineering is completed under the same conditions, two years' total experience may be credited. The two-years' credit includes the one year for the master's degree. If the Ph.D. is obtained without the master's degree, the credit for experience may be two years.

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### **§1505. Work Experience**

A. No applicant will be allowed more than one year of experience for work and education during any consecutive 12-month period.

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### **§1507. Experience Subsequent to Degree**

A. Only experience obtained subsequent to completion of a degree specified in the requirements for qualifying as an engineer intern will be considered as engineering experience.

B. Up to one year of an engineering nature may be creditable prior to graduation, if obtained through a college or university-sponsored co-op program as part of a four-year engineering program approved by the board, and only after completion of the first half of the program. If the co-op work is full-time work, the amount of credit given is equal to the time worked.

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Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 5:112 (May 1979), amended LR 7:647 (December 1981), LR 11:362 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board, LR 27:1031 (July 2001).

### **§1509. Experience Should Not Be Anticipated**

A. Experience should not be anticipated. The experience should be gained by the time of the application.

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### **§1511. Experience from Engineering Research**

A. Experience gained in engineering research and design projects by members of an engineering faculty where the curriculum if approved by the board is creditable.

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### **§1513. Teaching Experience**

A. Engineering. Teaching experience, to be creditable, must be in engineering or engineering-related courses at an advanced level in a college or university offering an engineering curriculum of four years or more that is approved by the board.

B. Land Surveying. Teaching experience to be creditable must be at an advanced level in a land surveying curriculum approved by the board.

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### **§1515. Progressive Experience**

A. Engineering. Experience must be progressive on engineering projects to indicate that it is of increasing quality and requiring greater responsibility.

B. Land Surveying. Experience must be progressive on land surveying projects to indicate that it is of increasing quality and requiring greater responsibility.

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### **§1517. Knowledge Required**

A. Experience should include a knowledge of engineering mathematics, physical and applied science, properties of materials, and the fundamental principles of engineering design.

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### **§1519. Applied Experience**

A. Experience should include application of engineering principles in the practical solution of engineering problems.

B. Professional land surveyor applicants must demonstrate a substantial portion of their experience was spent in charge of work related to property conveyance and/or boundary line determination.

C. Professional land surveyor applicants must demonstrate adequate experience in the technical field aspects of the profession.

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### **§1521. Experience Acquired in the Armed Services**

A. Experience gained in the armed services, to be creditable, must be of a character equivalent to that which would have been gained in the civilian sector doing similar work. Normally, it would be expected that the applicant while in the armed services served in an engineering or engineering-related group.

B. Experience gained in the armed services, to be creditable, must be of a character equivalent to that which would have been gained in the civilian sector doing similar work. Normally, it would be expected that the applicant while in the armed services served in a land surveying group.

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### **§1523. Sales Experience**

A. For sales experience to be creditable, it must be demonstrated that engineering principles were required and used in gaining experience.

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### **§1525. Experience in Construction**

A. Experience in construction, to be creditable, must demonstrate the application of engineering principles.

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### **§1527. Supervision by Licensed Professional**

A. Engineering. Experience should be gained under the supervision of a professional engineer holding a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or, if not, an explanation should be made showing why the experience should be considered acceptable.

B. Land Surveying. Experience should be gained under the supervision of a professional land surveyor holding a valid license to engage in the practice of engineering issued to him/her by proper authority of a state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, or, if not, an explanation should be made showing why the experience should be considered acceptable.

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## **Chapter 17. Applications and Fees**

### **§1701. Applications**

A. Applications for certification as an engineer intern or land surveyor intern and licensure as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall be completed on forms developed by the board, shall contain statements made under oath showing the applicant's qualifications, and the names and addresses of persons who can verify such statements, and in addition, the names and addresses of five personal references. Three or more of the five personal references furnished by an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer shall be professional engineers. Three or more of the five personal references furnished by an applicant for licensure as a professional land surveyor shall be professional land surveyors.

B. Applicants who have attended college shall have certified transcripts of all college work forwarded by the registrar of each college directly to the office of the board.

C. For college credits and/or college degrees earned outside of the United States, applicants may be required to submit a course-by-course analysis and equivalency in terms of United States courses and credits from an organization approved by the board. The applicant will be responsible for fees connected with this service.

D. Requests for licensure in more than one discipline must be submitted on separate application forms.

E. An application for licensure may be considered incomplete by the board. The applicant may be denied admission to written examinations until the information submitted in the application has been investigated and replies have been received from references. The board may require additional information and documents it considers necessary for the proper evaluation of an application.

F. An application requiring an examination for certification or licensure must be timely filed with the board office (§1301).

G. Applicant files may be destroyed at the discretion of the executive secretary no earlier than five years after original submission of the application.

H. Applications for licensure of an engineering firm and/or land surveying firm must be typed on the form provided by the board, must be completed in their entirety, and must contain the name, license number, and signature of all Louisiana professional engineers and/or land surveyors designated as supervising professionals in accordance with Chapter 23 (Corporations and Firms). The name and signature of an officer of the firm duly authorized to make certifications on behalf of the firm must appear in the specified location of the form. If the applicant is a corporation, a copy of the corporation's Louisiana Certificate of Incorporation (domestic) or Certificate of Authority (foreign) must accompany the application. The board will license firms that are corporations using only the name as reflected on the corporation's Certificate of Authority or the Certificate of Incorporation. Designated supervising professionals for the firm must also successfully complete a Louisiana Laws and Rules Examination prior to licensure of the firm.

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### **§1703. Fees**

A. Application fees, license fees, certification fees, renewal fees and all other fees shall be established by the board by a majority vote at a regular meeting. The fees so established shall be in accordance with the limits specified in the licensure law.

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## **Chapter 19. Disciplines of Engineering**

### **§1901. Disciplines**

A. The licensure law provides that professional engineers will be issued licenses by the board as a professional engineer and that the board may designate a professional engineer as being licensed in one or more of the disciplines

approved by the NCEES. The board recognizes all disciplines examined by the NCEES, including:

1. agricultural;
2. chemical;
3. civil;
4. control systems;
5. electrical;
6. environmental;
7. fire protection;
8. industrial;
9. manufacturing;
10. mechanical;
11. metallurgical;
12. mining/mineral;
13. naval architecture and marine;
14. nuclear;
15. petroleum;
16. structural.

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### **§1903. Accredited Specialties (EAC/ABET)**

A. These disciplines reflect important engineering specialties which are taught in a substantial number of engineering programs in the United States accredited by EAC/ABET and which have been determined by the board to be of importance in Louisiana.

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### **§1905. Additional Disciplines**

A. The board may recognize additional disciplines which are approved by the NCEES, as needed to safeguard life, health, and property, to promote the public welfare, and to establish and maintain high standards of integrity and practice.

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### **§1907. Disciplines Criteria**

A. The board may add disciplines in accordance with the following criteria.

1. There must be a probable need in the state of Louisiana for specialized engineering expertise in the new discipline.

2. Examinations in the principles and practice of the discipline of engineering must be offered on a regular basis by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), or by at least 15 state boards.

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### **§1909. Licensure in a Newly Recognized Discipline**

A. On the basis of the above criteria, the board, by majority vote at a regular meeting, may recognize a new discipline of engineering for the purpose of licensure. Within one year after the board recognizes a new discipline, the board may waive the principles and practice examination in that discipline for all licensees who present evidence that they are qualified by experience and education to practice in that discipline.

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### **§1911. Limitations**

A. The board will not add disciplines to correspond to job titles or job functions, such as corrosion engineer, air conditioning engineer, construction engineer, automotive engineer, safety engineer, sales engineer, traffic engineer, or planning engineer.

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## **Chapter 21. Certificates of Licensure and Certification of Individuals or Corporations**

### **§2101. Expiration and Renewals**

A. Licenses and certificates of individuals or corporations shall expire on the date specified on the renewal certificate and/or as shown on the board's records and shall become invalid after that date unless renewed within 120 days. After that period, the former licensee or certificate holder may apply to the board to reactivate his/her former license or certificate.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Transportation and Development, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, LR 7:648 (December 1981), amended LR 9:417 (June 1983), LR 11:363 (April 1985), amended by the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana Professional Engineering and Surveying Board, LR 27:1035 (July 2001).

### **§2103. Licensure Status**

*Active Status?* the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has complied with all the licensure and licensure renewal requirements of the board.

*Expired Status?* the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has failed to properly renew licensure as required in R.S. 37:697. A licensee in an *expired status* can no longer practice or offer to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying in Louisiana.

*Inactive Status?* the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has chosen not to practice or offer to practice professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana and who has indicated that fact on the board biennial licensure renewal form. This licensee can represent himself/herself to the public as a *P.E. Inactive*, or a *P.L.S. Inactive*, but cannot otherwise practice or offer to practice professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana.

*Retired Status?* the licensure status which exists for a licensee of the board who has chosen not to practice or offer to practice professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana and who has indicated that fact on the board biennial licensure renewal form. To qualify for the *retired status*, the licensee must be at least 70 years of age or have been a licensee of the board for at least 35 years. The renewal fee for the *retired status* shall be one-half of the current renewal fee for the *active status*. This licensee can represent himself/herself to the public as a *P.E. Retired*, or a *P.L.S. Retired*, but cannot otherwise practice or offer to practice professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana.

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## Chapter 23. Corporations and Firms

### §2301. General

A. The following Rules with regard to firms providing or offering to provide professional services shall apply equally to corporations, partnerships, and individual proprietorships, unless otherwise provided:

1. use of the term *professional services* in this Chapter will refer to either professional engineering services or professional land surveying services; and

2. use of the term *licensed professional* in this Chapter will refer to either a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor.

B. A firm must be licensed with the board before it may provide or offer to provide either professional engineering or professional land surveying services.

1. A firm which has in its title the word "engineering" or "surveying" or any derivative thereof shall be construed to be offering to provide engineering or land surveying services and therefore must be licensed with the board before doing business in the state of Louisiana, unless it has in its title modifying or explanatory words which would, in their ordinary meaning, negate the inference of the professional practice of engineering or land surveying.

2. A firm may provide or offer to provide both professional engineering and professional land surveying services; provided, however, that the firm must qualify separately as an engineering firm and as a land surveying firm, and the requirements of this Chapter will apply separately to providing or offering to provide professional engineering services and professional land surveying services.

3. A firm may provide or offer to provide both professional services and related licensed professional services, such as architecture and landscape architecture; provided, however, the firm must be licensed under and comply with the provisions of this Chapter.

C. Unless otherwise provided, unincorporated individual proprietorships which bear the full name of the owner who is a Louisiana licensed professional are exempt from the application of this Chapter. Such firms are not required to be licensed as engineering or surveying firms with the board. Unincorporated individual proprietorships that do not bear the full name of the owner who is a Louisiana licensed professional must be licensed with the board as an engineering or surveying firm and must comply with all the provisions of this Chapter.

D. Joint ventures that provide or offer to provide professional services will not be required to be licensed as separate entities. Nevertheless, any firm (including those

individual proprietorships otherwise excluded under §2301.C) that provides or offers to provide professional services in conjunction with its participation in a joint venture can do so only if it complies with the provisions of these Rules. In addition, any supervising professional who participates in a joint venture shall be responsible for assuring that all professional services performed by the joint venture are rendered in conformity with the provisions of these Rules.

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### §2305. Supervising Professional

A. In the case of firms providing or offering to provide professional services in the state of Louisiana, all such professional services shall be executed under the responsible charge of a licensed professional duly licensed in this state, and designated by the firm as a supervising professional. Such licensed professional shall be an active employee:

1. whose primary occupation or employment is with the firm on a full-time basis; or

2. whose secondary occupation or employment is with the firm, provided the firm is totally owned by one or more of the professionals whose license is used to qualify the firm for licensure. When the work consists of plans, designs, specifications, reports or maps, such licensed professional shall impress them with his/her seal as required by law. The appearance of a seal on a document of any type shall constitute a representation that such document was prepared by the licensed professional or under his/her supervision.

B. Nothing in these Rules shall be construed to give a professional engineer the power to practice professional land surveying, unless that professional engineer has independently met the requirements for licensure as a professional land surveyor.

C. Nothing in these Rules shall be construed to give a professional land surveyor the power to practice professional engineering, unless that professional land surveyor has independently met the requirements for licensure as a professional engineer.

D. It is the intent of these Rules to guarantee that all professional work performed by a licensed firm is performed under the supervision of or by a licensed professional. To this end, the board may also require a licensed firm to identify those licensed professionals who will be providing professional services. In addition, the board may require the individual licensee identified by the licensed firm as the responsible professional to acknowledge this responsibility, and assume the responsibility of informing the board in the event of a change of employment. No licensed professional shall be designated as a supervising professional by more

than one firm, except in the case of secondary occupation or employment by a firm which is totally owned by one or more of the professionals whose license is used to qualify the firm for licensure. A failure to comply with any of the provisions of this regulation may subject both the licensed firm and the licensed professional to disciplinary action by the board.

E. Compliance with the above Rules will not be met by a contractual relation between the firm and a licensed professional or a firm of licensed professionals in which such licensed professional or firm of licensed professionals is available on a consultative basis. Nor will it be considered compliance if a licensed professional is related to the firm solely in a nominal or inactive capacity.

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### **§2307. Professional Identification**

A. Letterheads, business cards, advertisements and other similar identifying items issued by firms providing or offering to provide professional services in the state of Louisiana shall reflect the name of the professional engineer or land surveyor in responsible charge and/or the license number of the firm.

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### **§2309. Enforcement**

A. In the event that a firm providing or offering to provide professional services within the state of Louisiana shall fail to comply with these Rules, the board, after investigation of the facts, may take whatever action is necessary against such firm to require compliance or to enjoin further practice or offers to practice professional engineering or professional land surveying.

B. Any firm that is licensed by the board is subject to all disciplinary provisions provided for in the licensure law.

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## **Chapter 25. Professional Conduct**

### **§2501. Scope; Knowledge; Definition of Licensee**

A. In order to safeguard life, health and property, to promote the public welfare, and to establish and maintain a high standard of integrity and practice, the following Rules of professional conduct shall be binding on every licensee. These Rules of professional conduct deal primarily with the relationship between licensees and the public, and should not be construed as a substitute for codes of ethics of the various professional and technical societies.

B. All licensees under the licensure law are charged with having knowledge of the existence of these Rules of professional conduct, and shall be deemed to be familiar with their provisions and to understand them.

C. In these Rules of professional conduct, the term "licensee" shall mean any professional engineer, professional land surveyor, engineer intern, land surveyor intern, or domestic or foreign corporation holding a license or certificate issued by this board.

D. A licensee possessing personal knowledge of a violation of the licensure law or the board Rules found in this Chapter shall report such knowledge to the board in writing and shall cooperate with the board in furnishing such further information or assistance as it may require. The licensee shall timely respond to all inquiries and correspondence from the board and shall timely claim correspondence from the U.S. Postal Service, or other delivery service, sent to the licensee, from the board.

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### **§2503. Licensees**

A. Licensees shall hold paramount the safety, health, property and welfare of the public in the performance of their professional duties.

B. Licensees shall at all times recognize that their primary obligation is to protect the safety, health, property, and welfare of the public. If their professional judgment is overruled by nontechnical authority, they will clearly point out the consequences, notifying the proper authority of any observed conditions which endanger public safety, health, property and welfare.

C. Licensees shall approve and seal only those design documents and surveys which are safe for public health, property, and welfare, which are complete and accurate, which are in conformity with accepted engineering and land-surveying standards or practice, and which conform to applicable laws and ordinances.

1. Licensees shall comply fully with Chapter 27 (Use of Seals).

2. Except as permitted by §2701.A.3.b.ii.(a), licensees shall not seal the work of or take the professional responsibility for any documents related to engineering or land surveying not performed by the licensee or under the licensee's responsible charge.

3. Licensees may not accept the responsibility for, nor review, revise, sign, or seal drawings when such plans are begun by persons not properly licensed and qualified; or do any other act to enable either such licensees or the project owners, directly or indirectly, to evade the requirements of the licensure law.

D. Licensees shall submit to a client only that work (plans, specifications, reports, and other documents) prepared by the licensee or by an employee (or subordinate) of the licensee (which is under the licensee's responsible charge); however, licensees, as a third party, may complete, correct, revise, or add to the work of another licensee or other related design professional, if allowed by Louisiana statutes, when engaged to do so by a client, provided:

1. the client furnishes the documentation of all such work submitted to him by the previous licensee(s), or their related design professional(s);

2. the previous licensees or other related design professionals are notified in writing by the licensee of the engagement referred to herein immediately upon acceptance of the engagement; and

3. all work completed, corrected, revised, or added to shall contain a notation describing the work done by the licensee now in responsible charge, shall have the seal and signature of the licensee affixed thereto, the date of execution, and shall become the responsibility of the licensee.

E. Licensees shall be objective and truthful in all professional reports, statements or testimony. The licensee shall include all relevant and pertinent information in such reports, statements or testimony.

F. When serving as an expert or technical witness before any court, commission, or other tribunal, licensees shall express an opinion only when it is founded upon adequate knowledge of the facts in issue, upon a background of technical competence in the subject matter, and upon honest conviction of the accuracy and propriety of the licensee's testimony.

G. Licensees shall issue no statement, criticisms, or arguments on engineering or land surveying matters connected with public policy which are inspired or paid for by an interested party, or parties, unless the licensee has prefaced the comment by explicitly identifying the licensee's name, by disclosing the identities of any party or parties on whose behalf the licensee is speaking, and by revealing the existence of any pecuniary interest the licensee may have in the instant matters.

H. Licensees shall not attempt to injure, maliciously or falsely, directly or indirectly, the professional reputation, prospects, practice or employment of another engineer or land surveyor, nor indiscriminately criticize another engineer or land surveyor's work in public. If the licensee believes that another engineer or land surveyor is guilty of misconduct or illegal practice, such information shall be presented to the board in a manner consistent with the requirement of those Rules for reporting personal knowledge of Rule or statute violations.

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### §2505. Services

A. Licensees shall perform services only in the area of their competence.

B. Licensees shall undertake assignments only when qualified by education or experience in the specific technical fields of engineering or land surveying involved.

C. Licensees shall not affix their signatures or seals to any plans or documents dealing with subject matters in which they lack competence, nor to any such plan or document not prepared under their responsible charge. Responsible charge requires a licensee or employee to carry out all client contacts, provide internal and external financial control, oversee employee training, and exercise control and supervision over all job requirements to include research, planning, design, field supervision and work product review. A licensee shall not contract with a non-licensed individual to provide these professional services. Research, such as title searches and soil testing, may be contracted to a non-licensed individual, provided the licensee reviews the work. The professional engineer and professional land surveyor may affix their seal and signature to drawings and documents depicting the work of two or more professionals provided that a note under the seal designates the specific subject matter for which each is responsible.

D. Licensees may accept an assignment outside of their areas of competence to the extent that their services are restricted to those phases of the project in which they are qualified, and to the extent that they are satisfied that all other phases of such project will be performed or supervised by licensed, qualified associates, consultants, or employees, in which case they may then sign and seal the documents for the total project.

E. In the event a question arises as to the competence of a licensee in a specific technical field which cannot be otherwise resolved to the board's satisfaction, the board, either upon request of the licensee or on its own volition, shall admit the licensee to an appropriate examination.

F. Engineers and construction (design-build) entities that meet all statutory requirements in this jurisdiction may offer a combination of engineering and construction services, provided that:

1. the entity obtains an authorization certificate from the board by filing, on a form approved by the board, a written disclosure on which it shall designate an engineer licensed in this jurisdiction to be in responsible charge of all engineering services offered and/or provided by the entity;

2. an engineer licensed in this jurisdiction and associated with such entity participates in the material aspects of the offering of engineering services with respect to any project;

3. one or more of the officers, partners, or members of the entity, and all personnel of such entity who act on its behalf as engineers, are licensed as engineers in this jurisdiction;

4. the engineer(s) competent in the required specific areas of practice and licensed in this jurisdiction shall be in responsible charge of all engineering design and be directly involved during the construct of the project; and

5. in the event such engineer's services are terminated with respect to the project, the entity and the engineer shall, within five business days, notify the board of such termination.

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#### **§2507. Conflicts of Interest**

A. Licensees shall further act in professional matters for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees and shall avoid conflicts of interest.

B. Licensees shall disclose all known or potential conflicts of interest to their employers or clients by promptly informing them of any business association, interest, or other circumstances which could influence their professional judgment or the quality of their professional services.

C. Licensees shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one party for professional services on the same project, or for professional services pertaining to the same project, unless the circumstances are fully disclosed to, and agreed to, by all interested parties.

D. Licensees shall not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, benefits of any substantial nature or significant gratuity, from any supplier of materials or equipment, or from contractors, their agents, servants or employees or from any other party dealing with the client or employer of the licensee in connection with any project on which the licensee is performing or has contracted to perform engineering or land surveying services.

E. When in public service as a member, advisor or employee of a governmental body or agency, or under contract to provide consultation, advice, technical reviews and recommendations to a governmental body or agency, licensees shall not participate in considerations or actions with respect to professional services provided by them or their organization to that governmental body or agency.

F. Licensees shall not solicit nor accept an engineering and/or land surveying contract from a governmental body of which a principal or officer of the licensee's firm serves as a member, except upon public disclosure of all pertinent facts and circumstances and consent of appropriate public authority.

G. Licensees shall not attempt to supplant another engineer or land surveyor in a particular engagement after becoming aware that the other has been selected for the engagement.

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#### **§2509. Improper Solicitation**

A. Licensees shall avoid improper solicitation of professional employment or services.

B. Licensees shall not falsify or permit:

1. misrepresentation of the licensee or any associate's academic or professional qualifications;

2. misrepresentation or exaggeration of the licensees' degree of responsibility in or for the subject matter of prior assignments; or

3. misrepresentation of pertinent facts concerning employers, employees, associates or joint ventures, of the licensees' or their firm's past accomplishments, with the intent and purpose of enhancing their qualifications and their work.

C. Licensees shall not pay nor offer to pay, directly or indirectly, any commission, or gift, or other valuable consideration in order to secure work, except under the following circumstances:

1. securing salaried positions through employment agencies; or

2. as a bona fide employee, or a bona fide established commercial marketing agency retained by them.

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### §2511. Conduct of Advertising

A. Licensees shall not make exaggerated, misleading, deceptive or false statements or claims about professional qualifications, experience or performance in brochures, correspondence, listings, or other public communications.

B. The prohibitions listed in Paragraph A include, but are not limited to:

1. the use of statements containing a material misrepresentation of fact; or
2. omitting a material fact necessary to keep the statement from being misleading;
3. statements intended or likely to create an unjustified expectation; and
4. statements containing a prediction of future success.

C. Consistent with the foregoing, licensees may advertise for recruitment of personnel.

D. Consistent with the foregoing, licensees may prepare articles for the lay or technical press. Such articles shall not imply credit to the author for work performed by others.

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## Chapter 27. Use of Seals

### §2701. Seal and Signature

A. The following Rules for the use of seals to identify work performed by a professional engineer or professional land surveyor shall be binding on every licensee.

#### 1. Seal Possession

a. Each professional engineer or professional land surveyor, upon licensure, shall obtain an official seal.

i. Firms are not authorized to possess seals.

ii. In the case of a temporary permit issued to a licensee of another state, the licensee shall affix the seal of his/her state of licensure, his/her signature, the date of execution, and his/her Louisiana temporary permit number to all of his/her work.

#### 2. Seal Design and Signature Requirements

a. The design of the seal shall have the following minimum information:

- i. State of Louisiana;
- ii. licensee's name;
- iii. license number;
- iv. contain the words "Professional Engineer" or "Professional Engineer in \_\_\_\_\_ Engineering;" or
- v. "Professional Land Surveyor."

Seals issued prior to promulgation of these Rules may use the word "registered" in lieu of "license." If a seal is replaced, the new seal shall use the word "license" in lieu of "registered."

b. Indicated below is a sample of the seal design authorized by the board.

c. Seals of two sizes are acceptable:

i. 1-5/8 inch seal commonly used in pocket seals; and

ii. 2-inch seal commonly used in desk seals.

d. Rubber seals of the same design and size are acceptable for use.

e. Computer generated seals of the same design and size may be used on final original drawings, provided that a handwritten signature is placed adjacent to or across the seal and the date is written below the seal.

f. A seal must be accompanied by the licensee's signature and date. Electronic signatures are not authorized except for electronic transmission of work as stated herein below.



#### 3. Seal Responsibility

a. The application of the licensee's seal, signature, and date shall constitute certification that the work thereon was done by the licensee or under his/her responsible charge. The licensee shall be personally and professionally responsible and accountable for the care, custody, control and use of his/her seal, professional signature and identification. A seal which has been lost, misplaced or stolen shall, upon discovery of its loss, be reported



immediately to the board by the licensee. The board may invalidate the licensure number of said licensee, if it deems this necessary, and issue another licensure number to the licensee.

b. Responsible Charge

i. Plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents will be deemed to have been prepared under the responsible charge of a licensee only when:

(a). the client or any public or governmental agency requesting preparation of such plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents makes the request directly to the licensee or the licensee's employee as long as the employee works in the licensee's place(s) of business;

(b). the licensee supervises the initial preparation of the plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents and has continued input into their preparation prior to their completion;

(c). the licensee reviews the final plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents; and

(d). the licensee has the authority to, and does make any necessary and appropriate changes to the final plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents.

(i). If the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, or other such documents are prepared outside the licensee's office, the licensee shall maintain all evidence of the licensee's responsible charge including correspondence, time records, check prints, telephone logs, site visit logs, research done for project, calculations, changes, and all written agreements with any persons preparing the documents outside of the licensee's office accepting professional responsibility for such work.

(ii). A licensee failing to maintain written documentation of the items set forth above, when such are applicable, shall be considered to be in violation of R.S. 37:698.A(6), and the licensee shall be subject to the disciplinary action procedure as set forth in the licensure law.

ii. No licensee shall affix his/her seal or signature to reports, plats, sketches, working drawings, specifications, design calculations, or other engineering and land surveying documents developed by others not under his/her responsible charge and not subject to the authority of that licensee, except:

(a). in the case of an individual licensee checking the work of and taking the professional responsibility for an out-of-state individual licensee, the Louisiana licensee shall completely check and have responsible charge of the design. Such responsible charge shall include possession of the sealed and signed reproducible construction drawings, with complete signed and sealed design calculations indicating all changes in design;

(b). certification of standard design plans which are initially prepared and sealed by a professional engineer properly licensed in the state of origin of such plans.

Standard design plans may then be reviewed by a Louisiana resident professional engineer for code conformance, design adequacy, and site adaption for the specific application within Louisiana. The professional engineer licensed in Louisiana assumes responsibility for such standard designs. Standard plans, which bear the seal of a professional engineer licensed in another state, shall be sealed by the Louisiana resident professional engineer who is assuming responsibility. In addition to the seal, a statement shall be included as follows.

"These plans have been properly examined by the undersigned. I have determined that they comply with existing local Louisiana codes, and have been properly site adapted to use in this area."

iii. No licensee shall affix his/her seal or signature to documents having titles or identities excluding the licensee's name unless:

(a). such documents were indeed developed by the licensee under the licensee's responsible charge;

(b). the licensee shall exercise full authority to determine his/her development; and

(c). except as set forth in §2701.A.3.b.i.(a).

4. Seal Use

a. Completed Work

i. The licensee shall affix his/her seal, sign his/her name, and place the date of execution on all engineering and land surveying documents that have been issued by the licensee to a client or any public or governmental agency as completed work.

(a). In the case of a temporary permit issued to a licensee of another state, the licensee shall affix the seal of his/her state of licensure, his/her signature, the date of execution, and his/her Louisiana temporary permit number to all of his/her work.

ii. Drawings and Plats

(a). In the case of multiple sealings, the first sheet or title page shall be sealed and signed by the licensee or licensees in responsible charge. In addition, each sheet shall be sealed by the licensee or licensees responsible for each sheet.

(b). In the case of a firm, partnership or corporation, each sheet shall be sealed and signed by the licensee or licensees responsible for that sheet and the licensee(s) in responsible charge shall sign and seal the title page or first sheet.

iii. Specifications, Reports, Design Calculations and Information

(a). In the case of specifications or reports of multiple pages, the first sheet or title page of each document shall be sealed and signed by the licensee or licensees involved. Subsequent revisions shall be dated and initialed by the licensee in responsible charge whose seal and signature appears on the first sheet or title page.

(b). In the case of a firm, partnership or corporation, the licensee in responsible charge shall sign and seal the title page or first sheet.

b. Preliminary Work

i. All preliminary documents, so marked in large bold letters, shall contain a statement that the documents are not to be used for construction, bidding, recordation, conveyance, sales, or as the basis for the issuance of a permit. Preliminary documents are not required to have the licensee's seal and signature affixed, but must bear the name and licensure number of the licensee, and the firm's name, if applicable.

c. Exempt Work

i. No seal, signature nor date shall be required in any of the following situations:

(a). on any sewage facility project in which the estimated project cost of the sewage facility, plus installation but not including cost of fencing, does not exceed \$5,000, as calculated by agency engineers reviewing the project;

(b). on any water facility project in which the estimated project cost of the facility, including lines, pumps, water treatment work and installation, does not exceed \$5,000, as calculated by agency engineers reviewing the project; provided that such project does not cause a change in treatment, chemical addition, or any other process affecting either the quality or quantity of water being produced;

(c). on any project for the construction of individual/private water wells;

(d). on any project involving both water and sewage facilities, provided that the estimated project cost of each facility does not exceed \$5,000, as calculated by agency engineers reviewing the project; or

(e). in-kind replacement of water or sewage facilities in which the estimated project cost of the replacement does not exceed \$5,000 as calculated by agency engineers reviewing the project.

5. Electronic Transmission

a. Drawings, specifications, plans, reports or other documents which require a seal may be transmitted electronically provided the seal and signature of the licensee is transmitted in a secure mode that precludes the seal and signature being produced or modified. Drawings, reports or documents which are signed using a digital signature as defined in the Rules shall contain the authentication procedure and a list of the hardware, software, and parameters used to prepare the document(s).

b. Drawings, specifications, plans, reports or other documents which do not require a seal may be transmitted electronically but shall have the generated seal, if any, removed before transmitting and shall have the following inserted in lieu of the signature and date.

"This document originally issued and sealed by (name of licensee number and "date of sealing"). This document should not be considered a certified document."

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## Chapter 29. Minimum Standards for Property Boundary Surveys

### §2901. General

A. The following minimum standards of practice for land surveying in the state of Louisiana have been adopted to help ensure that surveys are performed in accordance with acceptable procedures.

B. These standards are set forth to solely provide a means by which professional performance can be assessed by the board and to enable the surveying profession as a whole to better protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public. It should be recognized that surveying practices now in place may vary from one region of the state to another, and these practices should be evaluated when at variance with these standards.

C. It is intended that these be recognized as minimum standards of practice and that they not be relied upon by the professional land surveyor as a substitute for the exercise of proper individual skill, professional discretion, and good judgment in fulfilling the legal and/or contractual requirements of any property boundary survey.

D. When, in the professional land surveyor's opinion, special conditions exist that effectively prevent the survey from meeting these minimum standards, the special conditions and any necessary deviation from the standards shall be noted upon the drawing. It shall be a violation of this Rule to use special conditions to circumvent the intent and purpose of these minimum standards.

E. A property boundary survey shall only be performed by persons qualified to practice land surveying and licensed in accordance with the provisions of the licensure law.

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### §2903. Definitions

A. Any terms not specifically defined herein *shall* be as defined in the most current publication of *Definitions of Surveying and Associated Terms* as published by the

American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. For the purpose of this Chapter, all the definitions listed that differ from any other source are to be interpreted as written herein.

*Client?* the person with whom the contract for work is made. This *may*, or *may not* be the owner.

*Corner?* a point on a land boundary, at which two or more boundary lines meet. Not the same as *monument*, which refers to the physical evidence of the *corner's* location on the ground.

*Deed?* an instrument in writing which, when executed and delivered, conveys an estate in real property or interest therein.

*Description, Legal?* a written description usually contained in an act of conveyance, judgment of possession, or recognized by law which definitely locates property by metes and bounds or by reference to government surveys, coordinate systems or recorded maps; a description which is sufficient to locate the property without oral testimony.

*Description, Metes and Bounds?* a description of a parcel of land by reference to course and distances around the tract, or by reference to natural or record *monuments*.

*Encroachment?* any structure or obstruction which intrudes upon, invades or trespasses upon the property of another.

*May?* when used means that a choice on the part of the land surveyor is allowed.

*Monument?* a physical structure which marks the location of a *corner* or other survey point. In public-land surveys, the term *corner* is employed to denote a point determined by the surveying process, whereas the *monument* is the physical structure erected to mark the *corner* point upon the earth's surface. *Monument* and *corner* are not synonymous, though the two terms are often used in the same sense.

*Positional Accuracy?* the difference between the actual position of a *monument* and the position as reported on the plat.

*Positional Tolerance?* the distance that any *monument* may be mislocated in relation to any other *monument* cited in the survey.

*Prescription?* title obtained in law by long possession. Occupancy for the period prescribed by the Louisiana Civil Code, as sufficient to bar an action for the recovery of the property, gives title by *prescription*.

*Right of Way?* any strip or area of land, including surface, overhead, or underground granted by *deed* or easement for construction and maintenance according to the designated use.

*Servitude?* a nonpossessing interest held by one person in land of another whereby the first person is accorded partial use of such land for a specific purpose. A *servitude* restricts but does not abridge the rights of the fee owner to the use and enjoyment of his land. The term *easement* is often used interchangeably with *servitude* and means the same thing.

*Shall?* the subject is imperative or mandatory and must be done by the land surveyor.

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## §2905. Classification of Surveys

A. Presented below are categories which define the degree of accuracy which should be attained for surveys performed in Louisiana. These classifications are based upon the purposes for which the property is being used at the time the survey is performed and any proposed developments which are disclosed by the client. Refer to this Chapter for accuracy standards for each of the following classes of surveys.

1. Class A Surveys. Surveys which require maximum surveying accuracy. This includes, but is not limited to, surveys of urban business district properties and highly developed commercial properties.

2. Class B Surveys. Surveys of properties which justify a high degree of surveying accuracy. This includes, but is not limited to, surveys of commercial properties and higher priced residential properties located outside urban business districts and highly developed commercial areas.

3. Class C Surveys. Surveys of residential and suburban areas. This includes, but is not limited to, surveys of residential areas which cannot be classified as Class A or Class B surveys.

4. Class D Surveys. Surveys of all remaining properties which cannot be classified as Class A, B or C surveys. This includes, but is not limited to, surveys of farm lands and rural areas.

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## §2907. Property Boundary Survey

### A. Definition

*Mineral Unit Survey (or Unit Plat)?* a plan showing subsurface mineral boundaries prepared for the specific purpose of allocating mineral rights. A mineral unit survey should not be viewed as a *property boundary survey* subject to the requirements of the Minimum Standards for *Property Boundary Surveys*. This does not absolve the professional land surveyor from his/her obligation to use due diligence in the practice of and from complying with all applicable Rules and laws pertaining to the practice of land surveying.

*Property Boundary Survey?* a survey which, after careful study, investigation, and evaluation of major factors influencing the location of boundaries, results in the deliberate location or relocation on the ground of one or more boundaries. When all the boundaries of a parcel of land are surveyed, an area determination may be included if requested by the client.

B. Purpose. The primary purpose of the *property boundary survey* is to locate or relocate the physical position and extent of the boundaries of real property, and the discovery of visible evidence of prescriptive rights relating thereto. A *property boundary survey* may also include the location or relocation of the physical position and extent of political boundaries which define the perimeters of public or private ownership. In addition, the *property boundary survey* is a means of marking boundaries for sufficient definition and identification to uniquely locate each lot, parcel, or tract in relation to other well recognized and established points of reference, adjoining properties and rights-of-way.

C. Product. A *property boundary survey* will result in the establishment of monumented corners; point of curvature and tangency; and reference points (see Subsection E, Monuments). In event that no plat of survey is required, the professional land surveyor must maintain adequate records to substantiate his professional opinion in reestablishing boundary lines and corners on a survey. If requested by the client, a boundary survey may also include the following:

1. a signed and sealed metes and bounds written description depicting the surveyed boundary (see Subsection H, Descriptions);
2. a certified map or plat depicting the survey as made on the ground; and
3. a signed and sealed written report of the surveyor's findings and determinations.

D. Research and Investigation. A land surveyor shall be provided the legal description or plats describing the property to be surveyed. The land surveyor shall then evaluate the necessity to obtain the following data based on the specific purpose of the survey:

1. the most recent recorded legal descriptions and plats of the tract to be surveyed and tracts adjoining or in proximity to the property to be surveyed;
2. the recorded legal descriptions of adjoining, severing, or otherwise encumbering servitudes or rights-of-way, including but not limited to, highways, roadways, pipelines, utility corridors, and waterways used for drainage, navigation or flood control. Where the purpose of a survey neither requires nor includes research and investigation of servitudes, a note to that effect shall be placed upon the plat of survey; and
3. grants, patents, subdivision plats or other recorded data that will reference or influence the position of boundary lines.

E. Monuments. Monuments set or called for, whether artificial or natural, represent the footsteps of the land surveyor and his/her professional opinion as to the proper

location of the points or corners of a *property boundary survey*. The following guidelines for monumentation of *property boundary surveys* shall be observed.

1. Natural monuments are objects which are the works of nature, such as streams, rivers, ponds, lakes, bays, trees, rock outcrops, and other definitive topographic features.

2. Artificial monuments are relatively permanent objects used to identify the location of a corner. Artificial monuments must retain a stable and distinctive location and must be of sufficient size and composition to resist the deteriorating forces of nature.

3. The following guidelines apply to artificial monuments to be set.

- a. Monuments of a ferrous material must have at least 1/2 inch outside diameter, and must be at least 18 inches in length (longer in soft or unstable soil).

- b. Concrete monuments must be at least 3 inches in width or diameter by 24 inches in length, reinforced with an iron rod at least 1/4 inch in diameter, and may contain a precise mark on top indicating the exact location of the corner.

- c. Marks on existing concrete, stone, or steel surface must consist of drill holes, chisel marks or punch marks and must be of sufficient size, diameter or depth to be definitive, stable and readily identifiable as a survey monument. Marks on asphalt roads may consist of railroad spikes, large nails, "PK nails," or other permanent ferrous spikes or nail-like objects.

- d. It is unacceptable to set wooden stakes as permanent boundary monuments.

- e. Monuments must be set vertically whenever possible and the top may be reasonably flush with the ground when practical. Monuments subject to damage from earthwork, construction or traffic should be buried at a sufficient depth to offer protection.

- f. When physically impossible to set a monument at the corner, witness monuments shall be set when possible, preferably on each converging line at measured distances from the corner and identified as such in the description and on the plat of the property.

F. Field Procedures. All field work shall be performed in accordance with accepted modern surveying theory, practice and procedures. Any person in charge of a field party shall be well-trained in the technical aspects of surveying. Every professional land surveyor under whose responsible charge a survey is conducted is also required to adhere to the following.

1. All field measurements of angles and distance shall satisfy the closures and tolerances expressed in this Chapter.

2. In performing resurveys of tracts having boundaries defined by lines established in public lands surveys, the land surveyor shall, as nearly as possible, reestablish the original lines of any prior survey made under United States or state authority. In all townships or portions of townships where no

survey has been made, the land surveyor, in surveying or platting the township or portion thereof, shall make it conform as nearly as practicable to the lots and section indicated upon the plats according to which the lands were granted by the state or by the United States. (R.S.50:125)

3. Where applicable, surveys necessitating the division of a section, shall be performed in accordance with the instructions for the subdivisions of sections as published by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, in its book entitled *Manual of Instruction for Survey of the Public Lands of the United States*, and all applicable federal laws.

4. Special consideration shall be afforded by the Rules of evidence and "hierarchy of calls" before any decision is made regarding property boundaries. ... The legal guides for determining a question of boundary or the location of a land line in order of their importance and value are: 1-natural monuments, 2-artificial monuments, 3-distances, 4-courses, 5-quantity. But the controlling consideration is the intention of the parties." [See citation in *Myer vs. Comegys*, 147 La. 851, 86 So. 307, 309 (1920)]

5. A careful search shall be made for corner monuments affecting the location of the boundaries of land to be surveyed. Any evidence discovered shall be evaluated for its agreement in description and location with the call in the relevant deeds and/or plats.

6. All boundary discrepancies, visible encroachments, and visible indications of rights which may be acquired through prescription or adverse possession must be physically located. All evidence of servitudes that is visible without meticulous searching is to be physically located during the survey. Furthermore, nonvisible servitudes need to be located only upon the client's specific request.

7. All field data gathered shall satisfy the requirements of the following Subsection on plats, maps, and drawings.

G Plats, Maps, and Drawings. Every original plat or map of a boundary survey should be a reproducible drawing at a suitable scale which clearly shows the results of the field work, computations, research and record information as compiled and checked. The plat map or drawing shall be prepared in conformity with the following guidelines.

1. Any reasonably stable and durable drawing paper linen or film of reproducible quality will be considered suitable material for boundary survey plats and maps.

2. No plats or maps shall have dimensions less than 8 inches by 10 1/2 inches.

3. All dimensions, bearings or angles, including sufficient data to define the curve shall be neatly and legibly shown with respect to each property or boundary line. When possible, all bearings shall read in a clockwise direction around the property. All lines and curves shall show sufficient data on the map to calculate a map closure.

4. Monuments shall be labeled as "found" or "set" with a brief definitive description of the monument and relevant reference markers, if any, along with their position in relation to the corner. This description shall include the physical characteristics of the monument and its relevance to the survey.

5. When the purpose of the survey dictates, all pertinent natural or man-made features located during the course of the field survey (water courses, streets, visible utilities, etc.) shall be labeled or represented by an appropriate symbol on the plat in its proper location. When appropriate, the feature should be dimensioned and referenced to the nearest property line.

6. All maps or plats must show a north arrow and it is recommended that the drawings be oriented so that north is toward the top of the sheet.

7. A statement indicating the origin of angles or bearings shall be shown on each plat, map, or drawing. If bearings are used, the basis of the bearing shall include one or more of the following:

a. reference to true north as computed by astronomic observation within 1 mile of the surveyed site;

b. reference to the Louisiana State Coordinate System with the proper zone and controlling station(s) noted;

c. reference to the record bearing of a well-established line found monumented on the ground as called for in a relevant deed, or survey plat;

d. when none of the above alternatives are practical, a magnetic bearing (corrected for declination) may be used.

8. If a coordinate system other than the Louisiana State Coordinate System is used on a map, that system must be identified. If that system is the Louisiana State Coordinate System, the appropriate zone must be shown on the map.

9. Where the new survey results differ from the prior deed information in regard to course, distance, location or quantity, the plat shall indicate such differences or discrepancies.

10. Where separate intricate details, blowups or inserts are required for clarity, they shall be properly referenced to the portion of the map where they apply. This applies particularly to areas where lines of occupation do not conform to deed lines and to areas where a comparison of adjoining deeds indicates the existence of a gap or an overlap.

11. Cemeteries and burial grounds known by the surveyor to be located within the premises being surveyed shall be indicated on the plat. However, a detailed survey of the limits of the cemetery shall not be required unless directed by the client.

12. When the purpose of the survey dictates, properties, water courses and rights-of-way surrounding, adjoining, or severing the surveyed site shall be identified. Private lands or servitudes should be labeled with the name of the owner or with a reference to the deed under which ownership is held, provided that such information is furnished by the client.

13. Original section, grant, subdivision or survey lines, when an integral part of the deed, shall be shown in proper location with pertinent labeling. A measurement of course and distance must be shown to a parent tract corner, block corner, section corner, subdivision or grant corner, and existing monuments shall be indicated.

14. Differing line weights or delineating letters or numbers (A, B, C, etc. or 1, 2, 3, etc.) shall be used to clearly show the limits of what is being surveyed.

15. Each plat, map or drawing shall show the following:

- a. caption or title;
- b. client and/or purpose;
- c. general location of the property (or vicinity map);
- d. the date of the survey;
- e. the name, location and license number of the professional land surveyor; and
- f. signature and impression seal of the professional land surveyor under whose direction the survey was done.

16. Final plats or maps issued to the client must contain a certificate signed and sealed by the professional land surveyor certifying its authenticity (that it represents his/her survey) and stating that the survey is in accordance with the applicable standards of practice as stipulated in this publication based on the current survey "classification" (see §2905 on Classification of Surveys).

H. Descriptions. A written legal description of the surveyed tract of land must provide information to properly locate the property on the ground and distinctly set it apart from all other lands. The following guidelines apply.

1. When the surveyed property's dimensions, boundaries and area are in agreement with the existing recorded deed or platted calls, the existing recorded description may be used if it approximates the standards contained herein.

2. When the property is an aliquot part of a rectangular section or a lot in a platted subdivision, the aliquot method or the lot, block and subdivision method (including recordation data) of describing the property can be used. Metes and bounds descriptions of this type of property are optional.

3. Every aliquot description must contain the following basic information: aliquot part of section, township, range, parish, land district and meridian (if applicable), parish and state.

4. Every subdivision lot description must also contain the following basic information: lot, block, unit (if applicable), name of subdivision, city (if applicable), parish and state.

5. Every metes and bounds description may be written in at least two parts. The first part, called the "General Description," should indicate the general location of the property by naming the particular lot or block, within which it is located if in a subdivision or by naming the grant or aliquot part of a rectangular section within which it is located, along with the township, range, land district and meridian (if applicable), city (if applicable), parish and state. The second part called the "Particular Description," shall logically compile and incorporate calls for the following:

- a. courses and distances of the new survey, preferably in a clockwise direction;
- b. adjoining apparent rights-of-way or servitudes;
- c. monuments (when controlling), including descriptions of type, size, material, reference monuments (if applicable), and whether found, set or replaced;
- d. parenthetical deed calls where the deed calls differ from the new survey; and
- e. the area, if stated, shall be in square feet or acres or hectares within the tolerances specified in this Chapter.

6. The "Point of Beginning" should be the property corner that is most accessible and most easily identifiable by interested parties. This point shall be carefully chosen and described in a manner which will distinguish it indisputably from any other point. The "Commencing Point" shall be any identifiable point used to locate the "Point of Beginning."

7. The courses in the written description shall be as brief and yet as explanatory as the land surveyor can construct. Brevity should not cause important locative information to be omitted, and explanatory phrases should not enlarge the description to the extent of confusion.

8. Curved boundaries shall be identified as tangent or non-tangent curves, and sufficient data to define the curve shall be presented.

9. Each metes and bounds description must return to the Point of Beginning and close mathematically within the tolerances stated in this Chapter.

10. A statement at the end of the description should connect the description to the specific survey on which it is based and to the map or plat which depicts the survey. Such a statement may be phrased:

"This description is based on the boundary survey and plat made by \_\_\_\_\_(name)\_\_\_\_\_ Professional Land Surveyor, dated \_\_\_\_\_," or "This description is based on plat recorded" \_\_\_\_\_ (give recordation data).

11. The metes and bounds description shall then be signed and sealed by the land surveyor.

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**§2909. Accuracy Specification and Positional Tolerances**

Condition	A Urban Business District	B Urban	C Suburban	D Rural	Remarks and Formula
Unadjusted Closure (maximum allowable)	1:15,000	1:10,000	1:7,500	1:5,000	Traverse Loop or between Control Monuments
Angular Closure (maximum allowable)	10"vN	15"vN	25"vN	30"vN	N = Number of Angles in Traverse
Accuracy of Bearing	± 15 Sec.	± 20 Sec.	± 30 Sec.	± 40 Sec.	In Relation to Source
Linear Distances Accurate to: (maximum allowable)	0.05 ft ± ± 0.05 ft per 1,000 ft	0.05 ft ± ± 0.1 ft per 1,000 ft	0.07 ft + ± 0.15 ft per 1,000 ft	0.1 ft + ± 0.2 ft per 1,000 ft	Applies when the Distance is not part of a Closed Traverse
Positional Tolerance and Positional Accuracy of any Monument (maximum)	0.1' + AC/15,000	0.1' + AC/10,000	0.1' + AC/7,500	0.2' + AC/5,000	AC = Length of Any Course*
Calculation of Area? Accurate and carried to nearest ____ (decimal place) of an acre	0.001 0.001 0.01 0.1	0.001 0.001 0.01 0.1	0.001 0.01 0.1 0.2	0.001 0.01 0.1 0.3	To 1 acre To 10 acres To 100 acres To 1,000 acres
Elevations for Boundaries Controlled by Tides, Contours, Rivers, etc. Accurate to:	0.2 ft.	0.3 ft.	0.4 ft.	0.5 ft.	Based on Accepted Local Datum
Location of Improvements, Structures, Paving, etc. (Tie Measurements) Adjusted Mathematical Closure to Survey (Minimum)	± 0.1 ft. 1:50,000	± 0.2 ft. 1:50,000	± 0.5 ft. 1:50,000	± 1 ft. 1:50,000	

\* Short courses in categories "A" and "B" may generate positional errors of less than 0.01 feet. A minimum course distance of 200 feet should be used in calculating positional error.

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## Chapter 31. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

### §3101. Introduction

A. This Chapter provides for a continuing professional development (CPD) program to insure that all professional engineers practicing engineering and professional land surveyors practicing land surveying be informed of those technical and professional subjects necessary to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare. Beginning on January 1, 1999, every licensee shall meet the continuing professional development requirements of this Chapter as a condition for license renewal.

B. The primary purpose of licensing for professional engineers and professional land surveyors is to protect the public from unqualified or unethical practitioners. The requirement for continuing professional development is also intended to protect the public by reinforcing the need for lifelong learning in order to stay more current with changing technology, equipment, procedures, processes, tools, and established standards. This Chapter provides flexibility in selecting among a broad range of activities that are intended to strengthen or maintain competency in technical, managerial (business) or ethical endeavors. Licensees are

encouraged to select meaningful CPD activities which will be of benefit in the pursuit of their chosen fields.

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### §3103. Definitions

A. Terms used in this Chapter are defined as follows.

**Acceptable Activity?** subject matter which is technical in nature or addresses business management practices, professional ethics, quality assurance, codes or other similar topics which facilitate the licensee's professional development as a professional engineer or professional land surveyor, and/or serves to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare. Any *Course/Activity* offered or approved by a *Board-Approved Sponsor/Provider* will qualify as an *Acceptable Activity* (see definition of *Board-Approved Sponsor/Provider*). It will be the responsibility of the licensee to determine if a *Course/Activity* offered by an unapproved sponsor/provider is an *Acceptable Activity*.

**Board?** Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.

**Board-Approved Sponsor/Provider?** the Louisiana Engineering Society; the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors; professional and technical engineering or land surveying societies; federal, state or local governmental agencies; colleges or universities; and any individual, firm, corporation or educational institution approved by the *board*

on a case-by-case basis. All sponsors/providers must conduct courses which will enhance and improve a licensee's professional development as a professional engineer or a professional land surveyor, and/or serve to safeguard life, health and property and promote the public welfare. Failure to do so will be grounds for the board to revoke its sponsorship/provider approval.

*Continuing Education Unit (CEU)?* a unit of credit customarily used for continuing education courses. One *continuing education unit* equals 10 hours of in-class time in approved continuing education courses.

*Continuing Professional Development (CPD)?* the educational process whereby a professional engineer or professional land surveyor licensee engages in a continuing program to maintain, improve or expand skills and knowledge.

*Course/Activity?* any program with a clear purpose and objective which will maintain, improve or expand the skills and knowledge relevant to the licensee's field of practice.

*Dual Licensee?* a person who is licensed in both land surveying and one or more disciplines of engineering.

#### *License Status?*

a. *Active Status?* a licensee of the *board* as defined in §2103.

b. *Expired Status?* a licensee of the *board* as defined in §2103.

c. *Inactive Status?* a licensee of the *board* as defined in §2103.

d. *Retired Status?* a licensee of the *board* as defined in §2103.

*Professional Development Hour (PDH)?* a nominal contact hour of instruction, presentation, or activity.

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### **§3105. Requirements**

A. During each biennial licensure renewal period, every professional engineer licensee, including those licensed in two or more disciplines, is required to obtain 30 PDHs in engineering related activities.

1. At least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional engineer.

2. A minimum of eight PDHs shall be earned in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems.

B. During each biennial licensure renewal period, every professional land surveyor licensee is required to obtain 15 PDHs in land surveying related activities.

1. At least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional land surveyor.

2. A minimum of four PDHs shall be earned in the Minimum Standards for Property Boundary Surveys in Louisiana during any two consecutive biennial periods.

C. During each biennial licensure renewal period, each dual licensee shall obtain 30 PDHs; however, at least one-third of the PDHs shall be obtained separately for each profession.

1. At least one PDH shall be in professional ethics. Professional ethics concerns the standard of professional conduct and responsibility required of a professional engineer and/or professional land surveyor.

2. A minimum of two PDHs shall be earned in the Minimum Standards for Property Boundary Surveys in Louisiana.

3. A minimum of eight PDHs shall be earned in Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines by every professional engineer licensee who designs buildings and/or building systems.

#### **D. Excess PDHs**

1. If a licensee exceeds the biennial licensure renewal period requirements, a maximum of 15 PDHs may be carried forward into the subsequent biennial licensure renewal period.

2. Excess PDHs may include, without limitation, those obtained in professional ethics, Minimum Standards for Property Boundary Surveys in Louisiana, Life Safety Code, building codes and/or Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines.

E. Licensees will be required to verify compliance with these CPD requirements at the end of their first full biennial licensure renewal period which begins after the effective date of these Rules and at the end of each subsequent biennial licensure renewal period.

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### **§3107. Reciprocity/Out-of-Jurisdiction Resident**

A. The continuing professional development requirements for Louisiana will be deemed as satisfied when a non-resident engineer or land surveyor provides evidence of having met the requirements of the licensee's resident jurisdiction; provided, however, that as part of satisfying these requirements, non-residents practicing engineering in Louisiana who design buildings and/or building systems in



Louisiana must meet the requirements of §3105.C.3, as applicable, and non-residents practicing land surveying in Louisiana must meet the requirements of §3105.B.2.

B. If the non-resident engineer or land surveyor resides in a jurisdiction that has no continuing professional development requirements applicable to that licensee, the licensee must meet all requirements of Louisiana as set forth in this Chapter.

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### §3109. Exemptions

A. A licensee may be exempt from the continuing professional development requirements for any one of more of the following reasons.

1. New licensees shall be exempt at their first renewal. Compliance with the CPD requirements must be certified upon the licensee's second renewal and thereafter.

2. Licensees serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States for a period of time exceeding 120 consecutive days in a biennial licensure renewal period shall be exempt from obtaining the PDHs required during that biennial licensure renewal period.

3. Licensees experiencing physical disability, illness, or other extenuating circumstances as reviewed and approved by the board may be exempt. Supporting documentation must be furnished to the board.

4. Licensees who certify their status as *Inactive* on the board-approved renewal form and who further certify that they are no longer offering or practicing professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana shall be exempt. In the event such a person elects to return to *Active Status*, the licensee must meet the requirements set forth in §3121.

5. Licensees who certify their status as *Retired* on the board-approved renewal form and who further certify that they are no longer offering or practicing professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in Louisiana shall be exempt. In the event such a person elects to return to *Active Status*, the licensee must meet the requirements set forth in §3121.

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### §3111. Determination of Credit

A. PDHs may be earned as indicated in §3113 for the following *Acceptable Activities*:

1. successful completion of college courses, correspondence courses, continuing education courses, seminars, tutorials, short courses and/or by teaching/instructing these items;

2. attending or presenting qualifying seminars; in-house courses sponsored by corporations, governmental agencies or other organizations; workshops; or professional/technical presentations made at meetings, conventions, or conferences;

3. obtaining teaching credit for teaching/instructing or presenting. To obtain credit for teaching/instructing or presenting, licensees must be able to document that research and preparation were necessary, such as in the case of first-time teaching;

4. membership in engineering and land surveying professional associations or technical societies;

5. authoring and publishing articles in engineering or land surveying journals;

6. obtaining patents; and

7. formal, documented problem preparation for NCEES or state professional exams.

B. PDHs may not be earned through informal, non-structured activities such as reading technical journals.

C. The board has final authority with respect to the acceptability of courses, PDH credit, PDH value for courses, and other methods of earning credit. PDH credit for acceptable college or correspondence courses may be based upon course credit established by the college or school.

D. Selection of activities is the responsibility of the licensee; however, guidance is available from the board (see §3103, *Acceptable Activity*, and §3111.)

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### §3113. Units

A. The conversion of other units of credit to PDHs is as follows:

1. one college or unit semester hour = 45 PDHs;
2. one college or unit quarter hour = 30 PDHs;
3. one continuing education unit = 10 PDHs.

B. PDH credit will be awarded as follows.

1. Fifty contact minutes of instruction or verified attendance at an activity, or problem preparation for a NCEES or state professional exam = one PDH. A maximum of 10 PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for problem preparation.

2. Membership in engineering and land surveying professional associations or technical societies = one PDH per biennial licensure renewal period for each professional or technical association or society. A maximum of three PDHs will be allowed per biennial licensure renewal period for all such memberships.

3. In accordance with §3111.A.1-3, credit for teaching or making presentations may be earned at twice the PDHs allowed for attending a course, but shall not exceed 30 PDHs in any biennial licensure renewal period.

4. Authoring and publishing peer reviewed (refereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals = 10 PDHs.

5. Authoring and publishing non-peer reviewed (nonrefereed) articles/papers in engineering or land surveying journals = 5 PDHs.

6. Each patent = 10 PDHs.

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### **§3115. Record Keeping**

A. All licensure renewal applications will require the completion of a board-approved renewal form. This form will contain an affirmation of eligibility certifying that the licensee has met all requirements for licensure renewal, including CPD requirements.

B. In addition, the licensee will be required to maintain and document a worksheet form specified by the board outlining PDHs claimed. The licensee must:

1. supply sufficient detail on the form to permit audit verification;
2. certify and sign the form; and
3. submit the form to the board upon request.

C. Maintaining records to be used to support PDHs claimed is the responsibility of the licensee. These records must be maintained for at least three consecutive biennial licensure renewal periods (six years) and copies may be requested by the board at any time.

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### **§3117. Audit and Review of Records**

A. The board may request, at any time, that a licensee provide proof of compliance with all CPD requirements.

B. Additionally, the board will conduct random audits of biennial renewals of up to 30 percent of all board licensees.

C. Additionally, the board will require that all licensees against whom formal disciplinary charges are pending in Louisiana provide proof of compliance with all CPD requirements.

D. Should the licensee fail to provide proof of compliance, or if discrepancies or deficiencies are discovered as the result of any of the reviews provided for in §3117.A-C, the licensee will be deemed not in compliance.

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### **§3119. Failure to Comply**

A. When a licensee is deemed not in compliance with the CPD requirements of the board, the licensee will be so notified and will be given 120 days to satisfy the board requirements. The licensee must provide documented evidence of compliance accompanied by the licensee's affidavit attesting to such compliance and payment of an administrative fee of \$200. Failure to comply will subject the licensee to disciplinary action as provided in the licensure law.

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### **§3121. CPD Reinstatement**

A. To become reinstated, an *Expired*, *Inactive*, or *Retired* licensee must show proof of having obtained all delinquent PDHs; however, the maximum number required will be the number of PDHs required for one biennial licensure renewal period as provided in §3105.

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## **Chapter 33. Disciplinary Actions**

### **§3301. Disciplinary Actions**

A. Any disciplinary actions initiated by the board will be governed by the substantive and procedural provisions of the licensure law and by the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act (R.S. 49:950 et seq.)

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